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The office of the Coordinator and Special Advisor, United States Embassy, Box 105 (APO 80, U.S. Army), Mehlem near Bonn.

Attention: Mr. Hughes or official deputy.

Subject: Investigative Proceedings against Dr. Emil HOFFMANN (called "Fridolin"), journalist, born on 10 Oct 1911 at Unglinghausen, county of Siegen, residing at Berlin-Zehlendorf, Forststr. 14, on charges of treasonable relations.

In the course of the investigations with regard to above investigative proceedings, a witness (f.) stated the following:

EI further know of HOFFMANN that during the years 1952/53, he maintained connections with an American agency at Frankfurt/Main. He knew a woman of this agency who at that time may have been about 23 years old. On several occasions he was at my office, in the company of this woman and WEHM. I remember that he once gave this woman a thick letter which as faras I know, contained ship construction designs, that played a role at the proviously mentioned purchase of the ship from England. The negotiations between the English firm, HOFFMANN and NEHM, to my knowledge, were held at Duesseldorf. That is where the above mentioned letter with the plans also was to be taken. I do not know the office at Duesseldorf. If I remember right, the Americans became suspicion through an indiscretion of either NEHM or the above mentioned woman (whose name I do not know), so that HOFFMANN felt forced to move away from West Berlin. I believe that HOFFMANN also worked for the Americans at that time and the Russians knew it. I believe that in 1953 HOFFMANN moved to Mehlem near Bonn, in order to divert the suspicion of his cooperation with the Russians. He wished to prove hereby that he no longer maintained any type of connections with the Russians. However, this move was actually in agreement with the Russians and I believe, that during the two years HOFFMANN lived at Mehlem, he clandestinely met the Russians. I know that during the period 1953-55 he appeared in Berlin on various occasions and came to see me at my office. On one such occasion he also made the acquaintence of the intelligence officer

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and discussed various subjects with him. At that time HOFFMANN hinted to WERNER that he had already worked for the Russians since many years. Besides, I know it from him that he moved to Mehlem on instructions of the Russians, in order to be able to further maintain the old contacts with the Americans."

NEHM named in the statements of the witness, is

Alfred NEHM, born on 10 May 1908 at Berlin,

who is well known to this office as a coworker of the Soviet intelligence service.

I want to point out that the witness' statements regarding HOFFMANN's change of residence from Berlin to Mohlem were checked and proved to be true.

I would greatly appreciate information as to whether the facts disclosed by the witness, are known to your office. Would you be able to ascertain the personal data of the still unknown woman?

By Order:

agd. W. Buerger (BUERGER)